

A lack of programs that target youth for recreation, mentoring, educating, and keeping them out of trouble and drug and alcohol-free are lacking. This funding would create support and awareness of their needs and address critical issues facing our young people today. A youth leadership program would create strong peer mentors and support the leaders of tomorrow.

There is disproportionate representation of Indian youth in juvenile corrections centers. Early intervention and good programming that assist with the many problems facing today's youth, and programs targeted to Indian youth and that are culturally-based, are seen to deter the end that we do not wish for any of our young—incarceration and worse—an early and violent death.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$42.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2004 shall revert to the General Fund.

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